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Duff et al.

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PREDISPOSITION TO SIGHT-

THREATENING RETINOPATHY

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REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-captioned U.S. patent application. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucelotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, which is the last paper we received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-captioned application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Change of Address and Docket No./Transmittal of Revocation and New Power of Attorney as previously filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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